

REMARKS

Applicants hereby respond to the restriction requirement made in the Office Action.

The following groups of claims have been distinguished by the Examiner:

Group I- Claims 1-9 are drawn to a heat exchanger; and

Group II- Claims 10-11 are drawn to a method of making a heat exchanger.

Applicants respectfully traverse the restriction requirement and request reconsideration. In order to be fully responsive, Applicants have provisionally elected, with traverse, Claims of Group I (1-9) drawn to a heat exchanger. It is respectfully submitted that the search classification for each invention group substantially overlap. For example, the search of the Claims of Group II would also include the search of the heat exchanger of the Claims of Group I. Applicants respectfully submit that such search can be concurrently performed and that the Examiner will not be seriously burdened by searching and considering the inventions as described in all the presently filed claims. Accordingly, Applicants request withdrawal of the Restriction Requirement from Inventions I - II.

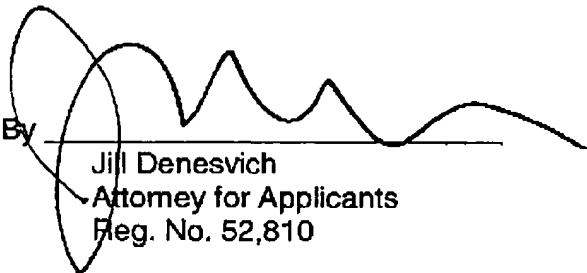
By this election, Applicants do not admit, nor do Applicants waive the right to argue against a later date, the Examiner's statement that the groups of inventions are patentably distinct. Applicants expressly reserve the right to present the claims of Group II, or other claims, in one or more divisional, continuation, or continuation-in-part applications at a later date.

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Should the Examiner have any questions or comments, or need any additional information from the Applicant's attorney, The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at their convenience.

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